

IN THE CLAIMS:

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40. (New) A system comprising:

a host device having two or more ports configured to be coupled to a sequential device via corresponding links, wherein the host device is configured to associate a command identifier with a command, to transmit the command via a first one of the ports, to detect a failure associated with the transmission of the command via the first one of the ports, request a status of the command via the second one of the ports, receive an indication of a number of data bytes received by the router in response to requesting the status of the command and to transmit the command via a second one of the ports, wherein the host is configured to make the command identifier explicit in the command.

41. (New) The system of Claim 40, wherein the host is configured to request that error recovery begin with a next data byte following a last received data byte.

42. (New) The system of claim 41, wherein the host is configured to receive an indication of acceptance to beginning error recovery.

43. (New) A method comprising:

associating a first command identifier with a first command, wherein associating the first command identifier with the first command comprises making the first command identifier explicit in the first command;  
transmitting the first command via a first link;  
detecting a failure of the first link;  
requesting a status of execution of the first command;  
receiving the status of execution of the first command;  
requesting recovery starting at a next byte following a last byte previously received;  
receiving acknowledgement of acceptance of the recovery request;

transmitting at least a portion of the first command and first command identifier via a second link.

44. (New) The method of claim 43, wherein the status indicates a number of bytes of the first command actually received by the router.
45. (New) A computer program product having one or more computer readable media with computer readable program code stored thereon, wherein said computer readable program code is configured to cause a device programmed with the program code to perform the method comprising:
- associating a first command identifier with a first command;
  - transmitting the first command via a first link;
  - detecting a failure of the first link;
  - requesting a status of execution of the first command;
  - receiving the status of execution of the first command;
  - requesting recovery starting at a next byte following a last byte previously received;
  - receiving acknowledgement of acceptance of the recovery request; and
  - transmitting at least a portion of the first command and first command identifier via a second link.
46. (New) The computer program product of Claim 45, wherein the status indicates a number of bytes of the first command actually received.
47. (New) The computer program product of Claim 45, wherein the software product is implemented in a device driver.
48. (New) The computer program product of Claim 45, wherein the software product is implemented in a shim driver between a device driver and a command driver.
49. (New) The computer program product of Claim 48, wherein the command driver comprises a SCSI driver.